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Green Flag awards for
16 royal borough parks

by Dick Townsend-Smith

TWELVE parks owned and managed by the royal borough have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag by the Keep Britain Tidy group.

It confirms that they are maintained to high standards and have excellent facilities.

The 12 council-managed parks with Green Flags are Avery Hill, Blackheath, which was a joint award with Lewisham Council, Charlton, Eaglesfield, East Greenwich, Pleasaunce, Eltham Park South and North, Fairy Hill, Horn, Maryon, Sutcliffe, The Tarn and Well Hall Pleasaunce. Additionally, Greenwich Park, which is managed by the Royal Parks, received a Green Flag.

Terry Powley, chair of the Greenwich Parks Friends' Forum, said: "It's very encouraging that our parks continue to maintain their quality, and have been re-awarded their Green Flags once again. This comes about as a result of good co-operation between the council and the various

Friends groups, who voluntarily commit their time to the maintenance of the parks."

Additionally, four borough sites managed by volunteers have been awarded Community Green Flags. They are the Slade Ponds on Plumstead Common and the common's nature reserve, which are both managed by Plumstead Common Environment Group (PCEG), plus Twinkle Park and Charlotte Turner Gardens, both managed by the Twinkle Park Trust.

Nick Day, chair of PCEG, said: "The two awards are a credit to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of volunteers who give up a few hours at weekends to tend these places for the benefit of everyone. We are privileged to live in an area with such beautiful green spaces, and they belong to us all."

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ALAN COOMES from Lee Green: 'Here's a shot of the old Greenwich power station, the light was perfect and it made the large old structure stand out against a nice background.'

LETTERS

Write to: GT Letters, Communications Team, Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ or email greenwichtime@outlook.com with your full address (not for publication). We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

What's being done to get M&S to reconsider store closure?

I REFER to your article 'Powis Street shops boost for town centre' in GT July 15 and would ask why nothing is being done to get Marks and Spencer to reconsider their decision to close the Powis Street shop on September 27. I am very disappointed that Greenwich Council is not doing anything, also that GT has not made this a big story. Are we to have another 'eyesore' like the old Co-op building. The staff in M & S at Woolwich are devastated. They are so helpful and Woolwich will not be the same. All we will have left are pound shops or 'closing down' shops. If the other traders think their revenue will increase, think again, because a lot of people will shop at Bexleyheath.

D.Jones, Abbey Wood

● A spokesperson for M&S said: 'It's a difficult decision that we've not made lightly. However we believe closing the store is necessary to help maintain a strong outlet business that delivers great value for our customers. All colleagues have been offered positions in other M&S stores. 'We hope our customers in Woolwich

will continue to shop with us at www.mandsoutlet.com, at near-by M&S stores and at the new, large M&S store which opens in Charlton next year.'

A council spokesperson said: 'The council was both surprised and dismayed that a consultation on potential closure of the store had been taken. The council has a long standing partnership with M&S and is a strong supporter of all town centre high street stores. An urgent meeting was held with a Marks & Spencer head quarters' representative at which the council presented a case for staying in Woolwich. This included details of the regeneration taking place in the area including the anticipated positive effect of Crossrail on footfall and economic activity. Assurances have also been sought in terms of the safeguarding of local jobs and employment to support the staff employed in the store. The council is also in discussion with the owner of the building to support the continued use of the store. The council is committed and focused on working with M&S to explore all options in order to a their commitment to a continued presence in Woolwich.'

Drinking rule in Woolwich

WHAT has happened to the no drinking rule on the streets of Woolwich? Particularly General Gordon Square. I regularly enjoy eating my lunch in the square and over the last few weeks more and more people are sitting in 'gangs' drinking from cans or cider bottles. Just last week I counted 12 adults all under the influence in the square sitting together. One was talking to two of the safer neighbourhood team whilst drinking from a can of cider. This behaviour should not be accepted especially in the square where young children play in the water and where a lot of people are enjoying the big TV

Sarah McTigue, Thamesmead

● A council spokesperson said: 'There's no absolute drinking ban in Royal Greenwich. However, a Designated Public Place Order, covering the entire borough, came into effect on April 20 2010, in order to tackle public drinking that causes a demonstrable nuisance. The order allows a police officer to confiscate containers of alcohol, both sealed and unsealed, from any person(s) acting in a manner which the police officer is satisfied constitutes, or could lead to, antisocial behaviour. It is not a ban on alcohol consumption in public, but a tool for police colleagues to use to deal with anti-social drinking. Groups of people drinking and showing the effects of drink may not satisfy these criteria. There is no way for Royal Greenwich to place a legal ban on drinking in public, but Town Centre Wardens and CCTV operators do advise the police when they feel there's a significant risk of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. It's for the police to determine whether intervention is appropriate. In addition to working with the police, council staff also try to engage street drinkers with specialist support services.'

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise. --

July 29 - health and wellbeing board, public hall 3pm

Overview and scrutiny call-in sub-committee, council chamber 5.30pm

Audit and risk management panel, 7pm

Eltham local housing panel - selection meeting, St Mary's Community Centre, 7pm

July 30 - Full Council, council chamber 7pm

July 31 - Abbey Wood Local Housing Panel, Abbey Wood Community Centre, 7-9pm.

Aug 6 - Licensing sub-committee A, public hall 5pm

Aug 12 - Licensing sub committee B, 6pm

Aug 20 - Licensing sub committee C, 5pm

Aug 26 - Overview and Scrutiny call-in sub committee, 5.30pm, committee room 4

September 1 - Planning Board, 6.30pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

A special freedom pass

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A GREAT-GRANDFATHER from Eltham who has spent a lifetime raising money for charity by playing his bagpipes has been awarded the highest civic honour.

Jim Turkington received the Honorary Freedom of the Borough at a special ceremony at the Town Hall in Woolwich last Wednesday (July 23).

It was in appreciation of the "eminent service rendered by him to the borough, as an expression of the high esteem in which he is held by members of the council and his fellow citizens."

Jim has played the pipes for 62 years, starting when he was just nine years old and he's been a familiar sight in Eltham High Street, playing to help poppy sellers raise funds for the Royal British Legion, each year whatever the weather. Jim has never accepted expenses such as cash for petrol to play at any of the events.

But he has also played for many other charities to help with their fund-raising. They include Mencap, Cancer Research, Demelza, Help For Heroes, Greenwich & Bexley Hospice, the RSPCA and the RAF Association.

He has also played in Whitehall with the Chelsea Pensioners, helping

to raise £8,000 in just a few days. He played the pipes at the Dieppe Raid commemoration in Newhaven several times, alongside the Canadians who came to England to remember the thousands of Canadians who lost their lives there.

He has also been the Lone Piper at the Somme Monument in France and has played a lament at Arnhem and at Ypres at the graves of soldiers from both world wars, which he described as "very moving".

Jim has also played at The Beating of the Retreat at Horseguards Parade

Top civic honour for Jim the piper



FREE TO ROAM: Mayor Mick Hayes offers Jim his congratulations, above, the presentation event

and at Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey and the Lord Mayor's Show.

He told GT: "Everyone knew I was getting this honour, bar me. I was very surprised when I got the letter from the Mayor inviting me to accept it. I've always played anywhere there was a poppy seller who wanted me there."

"I am deeply honoured to receive the Honorary Freedom of the Borough. But it's really for the public, the people who give the money. The Legion has raised millions of pounds over the years for our Armed Force. Last year they raised £41 million, and in Eltham alone they raised £37,000. I've just been a collection vehicle to help them raise the money!"

Originally from Northern Ireland, Jim has lived in Eltham since 1969 with his wife Cathy.

He spent most of his life as a plumber, and six years as a security officer with the Ministry of Defence. Sadly, his pipes-playing days are now over, because he has had to give them up for health reasons.

At last Wednesday's ceremony, Jim was presented with a certificate listing why he had received the honour which was engrossed with the council's corporate seal.



Parking zones extended for tall ships

THE council is introducing temporary changes to some controlled parking zones during the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival at the start of September. This is to make sure that residential areas are protected from parking by people visiting the event.

The festival runs from September 5-9 and during this time some parking zones will be changed to cover Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September where those zones don't already operate 7 days a week.

The affected zones are east of Greenwich Park (the Westcombe area), Charlton and Woolwich. Residents and businesses who have permits in these areas won't need to do anything. Their existing permits will cover the extra days and extra visitor vouchers will be sent out. In some areas

there are free bays used by residents and businesses. These bays will be changed but arrangements will be made to allow residents and businesses to continue to park there for free. The council will write to residents and businesses with more details before the changes are made.

There is also an area in West Woolwich where a new temporary parking zone will be introduced for the five-day period only. This happened during the Olympic Games period. Residents and businesses in the affected roads will automatically be sent permits and won't need to do anything.

There will also be road closures in Greenwich Town Centre and the approaches for the crew parade taking place on Saturday September 6. This will affect Trafalgar Road, Romney Road, Park Row, King William Walk, Nevada Street, College Approach, Creek Road, Welland Street and Greenwich Church Street. Alternative arrangements will be made to provide access and parking for homes and businesses. Further information will be provided nearer to the event.

● Email queries to parking@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 5580.

Green flag awards for 16 parks

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accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag award. They are given annually, and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety and the environment, said: "The announcement means that we have a total of 16 Green Flags awarded for our parks and open spaces. This is the same as last year and it is a real achievement that we have been able to maintain all

of them. It's all down to the hard work of a lot of dedicated people, both employees and volunteers who give up their time to look after spaces that we can all enjoy."

● Find out more about joining or setting up a park friends group at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/parkfriends

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Charity lotto celebrates fifth year

GREENWICH and Bexley Community Hospice is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the weekly hospice lottery on Thursday. Since its 2009 debut, the Hospice Lottery has generated over £180,000 of profit that goes directly towards funding the hospice's specialist end of life care and support services.

Just over 600 people took part in the first lottery draw but now as many as 2,800 people play each week with prizes ranging from £10 to £10,000. The total prize fund comes from the sale of lottery tickets and every penny of profit goes directly to help fund the annual running costs of the

hospice.

Stacey Lewis, Head of Fundraising said: "I'd like to thank all our lottery members for being a part of it, our lottery plays a vital role in generating much-needed funds and is a lot of fun."

Anyone over the age of 16 can sign up to the weekly draw and each week 24 lucky winners can share in the £1,500 prize fund which has a top guaranteed weekly prize of £1000, plus there is a weekly rollover prize of up to £10,000 and tickets are £2 a week and the draw takes place every Friday.

● For more information visit www.communityhospicelottery.org.uk

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

The Greenwich (Tall Ships Regatta) (TS Zone) Order 2014
 The Greenwich (Tall Ships Regatta) (CPZ Amendments) Order 2014
 The Greenwich (Tall Ships Regatta) (Coach Parking Places) Order 2014

PARKING CHANGES DURING THE TALL SHIPS REGATTA 2014

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 1(1), 45, 46, 47 and 12A of and Part II of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be, during the Tall Ships Regatta, from 5th to 9th September 2014 (the "event days"):

- (a) to introduce a Tall Ships Regatta Parking Zone (TS Zone), operating between 9.00 am and 6.30 pm each day in the streets referred to in the Schedule to this Order; TS zone permits would be issued and TS zone would operate as follows:
 - (i) residents who live in TS Zone would be issued three TS Zone permits for use with any vehicle, valid from 5th to 9th September. (These would be issued automatically to each residential address within a road referred to in the Schedule to the Notice);
 - (ii) business users who carry out business in TS Zone would be issued ten TS Zone permits for use with any vehicle, valid from 5th to 9th September. (These would be issued automatically to each registered business address within a road referred to in the Schedule to this Notice);
 - (iii) All TS Zone permits would be free of charge;
 - (iv) during the hours of operation, vehicles with a valid TS Zone permit would be able to park without time limit within TS Zone, non-permit holders would be permitted to park for up to two hours (with no return for three hours); and
 - (v) any existing parking places, waiting restrictions, Red Routes and bus stop clearways in TS Zone would continue to operate as usual.

[Note: motorcycles and vehicles displaying a disabled person's blue badge would be eligible to park in TS Zone without time limit.]

(b) in Charlton and Westcombe CPZs to introduce Event Day (ED) permits and convert all existing free parking places so permit holders parking places that would operate between 9 am and 6.30 pm on the event days, for use by existing residents, business and minor permit holders and by Charlton ED or Westcombe ED permit holders living or working within those respective CPZs. Charlton ED and Westcombe ED permits would be issued and operate as follows:

- (i) residents who live in a road where free parking is being converted to permit holders parking would be issued three Charlton ED or Westcombe ED permits for use with any vehicle, valid from 5th to 9th September. (These would be issued automatically to each residential address referred to in this paragraph);
- (ii) business users who carry out business in a road where free parking is being converted to permit holders parking would be issued ten Charlton ED or Westcombe ED permits for use with any vehicle, valid from 5th to 9th September. (These would be issued automatically to each registered business address referred to in this paragraph);
- (iii) All Charlton ED and Westcombe ED permits would be free of charge;
- (iv) during the hours of operation, vehicles with a valid Charlton ED or Westcombe ED permit would be able to park without time limit within the CPZ to which the permit relates, non-permit holders would be permitted to park for up to two hours (with no return for three hours).

[Note: motorcycles and vehicles displaying a disabled person's blue badge would be eligible to park in the parking places referred to in paragraph (b) above without time limit.]

(c) in respect of any existing parking places which include provision for displaying a residents or business permit within Charlton, Westcombe, Woolwich Arsenal and Woolwich Dockyard Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and in Mauritius Road, Axed Street and Derwent Street within East Greenwich CPZ:

- (i) to extend the operational hours of the parking places, only for the purpose of displaying a permit, in that they would apply throughout the weekend during the same hours that they normally operate; off days where existing controls are currently in place; and
- (ii) to provide that the classes of vehicles which can use the parking places within those CPZs, any charges for parking therein and all permit issue and use would remain the same as at present, albeit the hours of control would be extended as described above;
- (d) to provide that the existing coach parking place on the north-west side of Charlton Way, between Shooters Hill Road and Blackheath Gate, would be available only to coaches whilst dropping off passengers (20 minutes maximum stay, no return for 1 hour) and would operate throughout the day on event days;
- (e) to provide coach parking places for the use of authorised event coaches only that would operate throughout the day on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September in the following locations:
 - (i) on the north-west side of Charlton Way, between Blackheath Gate and Maze Hill; and
 - (ii) on the north-east side of Maze Hill, between the south-western kerb-line of Charlton Way and a point 10 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Yarborough Terrace.

3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours and the end of six weeks, from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE10 8HQ.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5510.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representation about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing by 19th August 2014 specifying the grounds on which any objection is made to Greenwich Council, PO Box 485, Kemp House, 152-160 City Road, London, EC1V 2AN (quoting reference PCL/TNO/1000001573).

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
 The Woolwich Centre,
 35 Wellington Street,
 SE10 8HQ
 Dated 29th July 2014
 (reference ref: A00000152089)

SCHEDULE

Angerstein Lane, Antelope Road, Boneta Road, Bowling Green Row, Cambridge Barracks Road, Carr Grove, Cleveley Close, (1) the north-east side, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Medwich Road and a point 22.00 metres south-east of that kerb-line; and (2) the south-west side, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Woolwich Road and a point 10.00 metres south-east of that kerb-line, Erwood Road, Europe Road, Frances Street, Godfrey Hill, Godfrey Road, Kidd Place, Langton Way, Leda Road, Lyford Street, Marine Drive, Marshalls Grove, Marlyn Grove, Marlyn Road, Maud Cashmore Way, Ogilby Street, Pellipar Road, Pett Street, Prospect Vale, Red Barracks Road, Rideout Street, Ruston Road, Samuel Street, Venus Road, Woodhill, Woodrow and Woodville Street.

Meet the Vikings

New army regiment moves in

SIX hundred soldiers and around 160 military families from the 1st Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment have moved into Woolwich.

Nicknamed 'The Vikings', they are settling into quarters in the Royal Artillery Barracks in Grand Depot Road. The soldiers' families are being housed in married quarters close to the barracks in accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence.

The Vikings are a light-role infantry battalion that has seen service in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Croatia and Northern Ireland. Its officers and soldiers have earned many awards for bravery including 10 Military Crosses and two DSOs.

The 1st Battalion have moved up from Picton Barracks in Bulford, Wiltshire. It follows the departure from Woolwich of the troops and families of the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. Known as 'The Tigers', they have gone back for a new tour of duty in Cyprus, after four years in the borough.

A special evening reception hosted by The Vikings at the barracks was attended by civic



BATTALION LEADER: Lieutenant Colonel Dom Biddick

and community leaders, including the Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr Mick Hayes, Cllr Denise Hyland, the leader of the council, and senior police officers.

The Vikings, whose history goes back more than 300 years, say they work as a family.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich signed a special covenant with the Armed Forces in 2012. This aimed to encourage support for Armed Forces personnel and their families who live and work in the borough.

From January 2015 to August 2016 Southeastern services to and from Charing Cross will not call at London Bridge.

Services to and from Cannon Street will continue to call at London Bridge. There will also be some diversions taking place between Charing Cross, Cannon Street and Blackfriars. From January 2015 services from Greenwich, Maze Hill, Westcombe Park, Deptford, New Cross and St Johns stations will be permanently rerouted to and from Cannon Street.

During this period, services will continue to operate to Charing Cross via Woolwich Arsenal, Charlton, Blackheath, and Lewisham Stations. From August 2016 to early 2018 Southeastern services to and from Charing Cross resume calling at London Bridge station. From this time services to and from Cannon Street will not call at London Bridge. Some diversions will also take place between Charing Cross and Cannon Street.

Rail users in Greenwich are also reminded that changes to Southern and First Capital Connect Thameslink services will be in place from August 23 to 31.

Although these changes will have no direct impact on routes operating in and out of Greenwich, services may have fewer carriages and be busier as a result.

● For information on changes to services as a result of the redevelopment of London Bridge, visit www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk and for information on planning your journey in London visit www.tfl.gov.uk

Phantom tenant loses right to buy

DETECTIVE work by the council's Unauthorised Occupation team found that a woman who was trying to buy her council house under the Right to Buy scheme had not lived in it - for five years. She claimed to be living in the three-bedroom semi in Langbrook Road, Kidbrooke, but she was actually running a nail bar business in Basingstoke, where she lived and where her children went to school. Council officers began an investigation in May 2012, carrying out many early morning and late evening visits to the house, and never found anyone living there. Neither were there any neighbours

nearby who could confirm that the house was lived in. Working closely with Basingstoke Council, the royal borough's team built up the case and took it to Woolwich County Court. And on Thursday, July 10, the court rejected the tenant's story that she commuted to Basingstoke and back every day. The court awarded an outright possession order to the council, meaning the woman had no further claim on the property, and also ordered her to pay the council's legal costs of £10,000. If the tenant had won her case, the council

would have lost £87,850 on the discounted Right to Buy price. But the decision means the council can now offer the house to a new local family.

Cllr Chris Kirby, the council's cabinet member for housing and HR, said: "The council team involved with this case did a great job. It took a long time, but they were persistent and we got the result we wanted. It also means that a family-sized house has been saved for the council's housing stock."

• Report housing fraud to 0800 169 6975 or email fraud@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Yes your honour!

New title for borough's top judge



MEN IN RED: Mayor Mick Hayes with Mr Justice Nichol, His Honour Judge Kinch and Mr Justice Nigel Sweeney. Justices Nichol and Sweeney are High Court Judges on the South Eastern Circuit

Day in court for law students

AMBITION law students were inspired after an academic visit to the Supreme Court, where they met a top judge.

Fourteen students were able to discuss contemporary law and the legal profession, as well as their law studies at the Greenwich School of Management in Greenwich with Baroness Hale of Richmond.

Lady Hale is a symbol of modern diversity in the legal profession; in 2004 she was the first woman to sit at the Supreme Court and is now Deputy President of the Supreme Court.

Law student Funmi Ojo said: "Lady Hale was an inspiration. We talked about human rights law, and her answers to my questions were extremely interesting. The visit gave me a positive perspective on our legal system and its profession. It's made me feel more confident



LESSON OF THE LAW: students with Baroness Hale

in the notion of equality before the law."

The class toured the Supreme Court in Westminster which is the final court of appeal in the UK for civil and criminal cases.

Another student Vanessa Threadgold, added: "The court was modern, welcoming and in touch with the real world, which I think is often something people feel is missing from the legal profession."

Bogus hospice fund collectors

HOSPICE fundraisers are warning the public about bogus collectors operating from a small van.

It follows a report from a man who lives near the hospice shop at Station Road, Lower Belvedere.

He called the hospice in Abbey Wood to report a group of six people who knocked on the door of his house in Belvedere. The group said they were collecting money for the hospice. One of the callers had an ID badge and the group were driving around in

a small box type van with the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice logo on it. The hospice's chief executive Kate Heaps said: "We are issuing a warning to let people know that we do not have any unsolicited collectors working in the area. We are urging everyone to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious."

• If you see anything suspicious, or have more information, please contact the police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

THE most senior judge at Woolwich Crown Court has been honoured with a new title.

His Honour Judge Kinch was inaugurated as Honorary Recorder of the Crown Court at a reception in Court Number 3 on Monday, July 14. The appointment was made by the Royal Borough of Greenwich, as local councils now have the power to appoint a recorder of the local Crown Court as their Honorary Recorder.

The move is designed to encourage a borough's senior resident judge to become more involved in civic affairs and events. The Lord Chief Justice has said this is a valuable move, and enjoyed and appreciated on both sides.

Civic leaders attended the reception, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Royal Greenwich, Cllr and Mrs Mick Hayes, the leader of the council, Cllr Denise Hyland, and the council's chief executive, Mary Ney. They were joined for the celebration by other judges, Sarah Forshaw QC, the leader of the South Eastern Circuit, and members of the court staff. Judge Kinch was presented with the borough's Coat of Arms.

His Honour Judge Christopher Anthony Kinch QC was appointed by Her Majesty The Queen as a Senior Circuit Judge, Resident Judge for Woolwich, on the advice of the Lord Chancellor, Chris Grayling MP, in October last year. He was called to the Bar in 1976 and took Silk in 1999.

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Families read and rhyme together

MORE than 150 children aged under five, together with their families, had a fun morning in the grounds of the National Maritime Museum and The Queen's House for this year's Bookstart event. Bookstart is a national scheme supported by the borough's libraries. Every child in Royal Greenwich receives special packs to encourage them to read with their families. The event was held on Friday, July 18, when special guests were the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr and Mrs Mick Hayes, who are keen supporters of families reading book together.

More than 250 adults and children went along with picnic baskets, and sat on the grass and sang nursery rhymes for the Rhymeathon event. Libraries staff also handed out nearly 100 programmes for this year's Summer Reading Challenge to encourage families to go into the libraries through the summer. Local libraries and children's centres have a range of similar activities that celebrate song, story and rhyme-sharing between parents and children.

Summer concerts

TOWN centre performances by local musicians continue this weekend. There'll be music in Passey Place, Eltham, from 10am on the following dates and times as part of the Eltham Summer Music Festival organised by Eltham Arts and the royal borough: Aug 2: RA Project, The Acoustic Chairs, Famous Last Words and Imagine Jack; August 9: performers include Alexander Lukov, Sound Refuge, The Clays and the Gordon Weber duo. Details at www.elthamse9.co.uk

Amateur archeologists unearth lost history

AMATEUR archeologists are helping to unearth historical treasures in Greenwich Park. Local schools and volunteers were the first to take part in an excavation at the Grade I listed park as part of the first phase of a three-year community project. The remains from a 17th century park keeper's cottage were discovered during a two-week archaeological dig last week.

The aim of the archaeology volunteer programme is to discover and preserve Greenwich Park's rich history through 28 'dig' days as well as school workshops over the next three years. The project is being funded by the Royal Parks, the Royal Parks Foundation, English Heritage, and the Friends of Greenwich Park. The project is managed by a team of archaeologists from the Keevill Heritage Consultancy. Greenwich Royal Parks

manager Graham Dear said: "Greenwich Park is the most historic of all London's Royal Parks but much of this history is lost. We know very little about the Keeper's Cottage complex which for 200 years was the working hub of the park. With the help of local volunteers and school children we have the chance to unearth some of this hidden past. We have already found interesting pottery and clay pipes, and volunteers have searched out tithe maps and early census records to reveal more of the park's history." Grace Enright, development officer from the Royal Parks Foundation said: "We are delighted to support this exciting project. The park is so beautiful today but it is easy to forget that it has been here for hundreds of years. The more we know about its history the better we understand how to preserve its magic."



DIG DEEP: Local volunteer Larry Bennett from Eltham excavating the Old Keepers Cottage site.

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by Simon Banks

THOMAS Tallis School have struck the right chords with its latest addition to the school's resources.

A brand new grand piano was unveiled at a special recital evening before the school holidays.

Special guest Alan Davey, chief executive of the Arts Council, cut the ribbon and declared the piano open for business at the recital evening on July 17.

School staff, students, parents and governors as well as guests from the community enjoyed musical recitals from talented pupils ensuring the school term went out on a high note.

Headteacher, Carolyn Roberts said: "We have some wonderful performers in a beautiful building. When one of our guests came to play for us in November 2013, I discovered that we didn't have a grand piano for performances. Our musicians deserve the best possible quality instruments, so we decided to take a risk and invest in our lovely Hoffmann Grand.

"Our Recital Evening not only unveiled the piano, but thanked all of our friends for their partnership over the year. It gave us a great showcase to invite new friends too, who might be able to support our music programme into the future," she added.

The school hopes to build important links with the community through music and arts by encouraging external special guests and organisations to visit the school and join in with future projects. After the school holidays Ms Roberts hopes to deliver personal instrumental tuition to all Year 7 students, providing personal development of musicianship.

Keys to success



IN TUNE: headteacher Carolyn Roberts with Emily James, Tom Savage and Ryan Wilford while (right) music students enjoy the new instrument

School and community
strike a chord
through music



Good luck Mr Prockter

O U T S T A N D I N G
headteacher Nicholas Prockter of Heronsgate Primary School has closed the school gates behind him for the last time as he calls time on his career at the Thamesmead school.

After more than ten years of dedicating his time to the royal borough school, Mr Prockter has chosen to take on a new challenge by relocating to Thailand with his family to work at the Harrow International School in Bangkok.

He said: "I am delighted to have worked at Heronsgate and to have achieved so much over the last ten years. I am so proud of the children, dedicated staff and parents who have contributed to the success of the school and look forward to hearing about its continued achievements in the future."

Over the last decade, Mr Prockter and his wife Alexandra Costa, who was deputy headteacher at the school, have transformed the once failing school into a flagship Teaching School graded as 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

Head girl Desiree, and head boy Tobi wished their teacher well, they



HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST: Nicholas Prockter with wife Alexandra Costa and children (above) and with children at a school picnic (right)

said: "We will miss Mr Prockter and Ms Costa; they have done so much for our school and we wish them all the best for their future in Thailand."

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Notice of consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule

Under Section 212 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by section 114 of the Localism Act 2011) and Regulations 16 and 17 of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended), Royal Borough of Greenwich gives notice that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule has been published for consultation along with the following documents:

- Draft C13 Regulation Infrastructure List
- Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Assessment
- Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation Statement
- Planning Obligation Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report
- Community Infrastructure Levy Supporting Information Document

Royal Borough of Greenwich is inviting representations on these documents over a period of six weeks from 30 July until 10 September. The Draft Charging Schedule and all other documents listed above can be viewed on the Royal Borough's website. In addition, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), which supports the Draft Charging Schedule by identifying the infrastructure needed in Royal Greenwich to mitigate the impacts of the planned development, is available to view on the Royal Borough's website along with its addendum. The IDP was examined as part of the Core Strategy examination in public and found sound; therefore, Royal Borough of Greenwich is not seeking comments on the IDP and its addendum.

Paper copies of the documents will be made available at the borough's public libraries. Library locations and times can be found in the table below. Representations can be made via email, Royal Borough of Greenwich's consultation portal, or by post:

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Please note that those making representations have a right to be heard by the examiner appointed to examine the draft charging schedule. They may also request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

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- ii) the publication of the recommendations of the examiner and the reason for these recommendations; and
- iii) the approval of the charging schedule by the Council.

Any organisation or individual who decides to make representations about the draft charging schedule may withdraw those representations at any time by giving notice in writing to the Council sent to the specified address or email account shown above. If you require further information on the Draft Charging Schedule, or its supporting evidence base, please email planning.policy@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or phone 0208 921 3673/6235.

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New guardian of heritage to care for historic landmarks

by Dick Townsend-Smith

SOME of the borough's most famous buildings, such as historic Charlton House and the Tudor Barn in Eltham, will now be in the care of a newly-launched heritage trust.

The new Royal Borough of Greenwich Heritage Trust has now taken over preservation services from the council. It has already begun its work to make sure the borough's much-loved buildings continue to be protected and enhanced, and has officially registered with the Charity Commission.

The trust has been specially set up to look after the buildings in its care, and will be able to apply for funds to help maintain them. The not-for-profit organisation will make it easier for residents to have a greater say in the future of these buildings. It will be led by a board of trustees, who have been recruited from different fields in heritage and architecture.

The trust will also become custodians to some of the war memorials in the borough. These are currently undergoing a programme of conservation and repair to commemorate the centenary of the Great War. Staff from the Heritage Trust were set to talk to visitors at Charlton's Horn Fayre last Sunday. Details about their work, which includes a new travelling



MUCH LOVED: Charlton House, the Jacobean mansion in Charlton Village and, left, the Tudor Barn in Eltham Pic: Graham Mundy

exhibition about the Great War was available and people were invited to make poppies dedicated to individual soldiers. The exhibition is being funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Covenant, and the council.

Cllr Miranda Williams, the council's cabinet member for

culture and creative industries, said: "We are extremely proud of our historic and heritage legacy. Not only are we honoured to have such a rich selection of historical buildings and memorials, we know they are a huge asset to the borough in terms of attracting visitors from around the world. We welcome the establishment of a heritage trust, which has been shown to work well in other parts of the country."

Jonathan Louth, one of the new organisation's trustees, said: "We are keen to engage with the local community as we develop, as we believe their support is essential to our success."

Tracy Stringfellow, the trust's chief executive, said: "As a charity, fundraising will become easier and that is vital to the sustainability of heritage services like ours in these times of reduced central funding."

Two schools earn special Ofsted praise

A WOOLWICH primary school has been judged 'outstanding' in every way by inspectors from the education watchdog Ofsted.

Meanwhile another primary in Greenwich has made a big step up after being tagged 'inadequate' at its last inspection.

Cardwell Primary in Frances Street, Woolwich, received an 'outstanding' mark for pupils' achievement and their behaviour and safety, the quality of teaching, and the school's leadership and management under headteacher Carol Smith.

After a two-day visit on June 19 and 20, inspectors said standards were consistently high in reading, writing and maths by the time the children left at the end of Year 6. They said: "Teaching has improved and is now outstanding. Relationships between staff and pupils are excellent, and as a result, pupils want to do well, work hard and meet teachers' high expectations."

They said all groups, including disabled pupils, those from different ethnic groups and those with special educational needs achieve



WELL DONE: Morden Mount pupils are inspired by boxing champion Hannah Beharry

exceptionally well. The inspectors added: "Leaders and managers, including governors, work exceptionally well together with a strong team spirit. All staff strive to do their very best for all the pupils. The headteacher provides highly effective and inspirational leadership and is extremely well supported by the deputy headteacher. As a result the school has further improved from its outstanding position at the previous inspection."

Meanwhile, Morden Mount Primary in Lewisham Road, Greenwich, has made a step change up after it was judged inadequate at its last inspection in November 2012. After Ofsted inspectors went in on June 25 and 26, they judged that it was now 'good' in all categories, and its leadership and management under headteacher Briony Brammer and pupils' behaviour and safety was now 'outstanding'. They said: "The quality of teaching is good

and some is exemplary. Much is expected from pupils, and their learning is always made interesting."

"This is a rapidly improving school. The executive headteacher has brought about marked improvements in both the quality of teaching and pupils' progress. The heads of school and subject leaders are very effective in ensuring pupils are successful across a range of subjects. Governors make an exceptional contribution to the school's development by the actions they take. They hold school leaders to account so that the school's performance has increased considerably since the previous inspection."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "I am delighted for both schools and I congratulate them. As Chair of Governors at Cardwell I know, at first hand how committed all staff are to their students."

"Praise too should go to Morden Mount, which has turned itself around in less than two years and is well on its way to earning a top rating."



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LET'S GO OUTDOORS: Pupils and teachers celebrate the donation with contractors

Crossrail contractors give £4k for school's outdoor learning

by Simon Banks

BANNOCKBURN School will take learning outdoors after the school holidays, thanks to a donation from Crossrail contractors, Hochtief Murphy and Balfour Beatty.

The £4,000 investment from the contractors, working in the centre of Woolwich, will be used to build a unique outdoor learning space for pupils, where lessons such as science, mathematics and agriculture can take place.

Rachel Ford, the deputy headteacher who will become head in September, said: "We would like to include outdoor learning in the curriculum as much as possible and an outdoor classroom will be invaluable for the school."

"Our children are excited at the prospect of more lessons al fresco."

The donation came after the school's fundraising officer, Deborah O'Boyle searched for investment and was rewarded with the generous donation.

A large cheque was handed over to the school at a ceremony last week at the site of the new classroom and was attended by Nigel Loraine, project manager, and Jasvir Sandu, stakeholder manager for Balfour Beatty and Riku Tauiainen, project director, and Phil Bailey, environmental manager for Hochtief Murphy.

Zamiah Riley, aged 10, from Cedar Class said: "My classroom next year will be on the top floor, so having a classroom outside that we can go to will be really cool and different."

Design award for bungalows

Homes for over-60s win innovation honour

by Dan Stephens

A HOMES project designed to deliver quality housing for the over-60s in the royal borough has won a prestigious Housing Design Award.

The plans for six two-bedroom bungalows in Ravens Way, Lee, have been designed by Bell Phillips Architects (BPA) for the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Last week they won the Housing Our Aged Population:Panel for Innovation (HAPPI) sector at the awards ceremony.

The winning project is part of a programme of similar developments which will create new homes on a number of unused or under-utilised garage sites owned by the council.

The housing, due to be completed by the spring of

HAPPI HOMES: an artist impression of the Ravens Way bungalows



2015, is designed to provide accommodation for over 60s looking to downsize from larger homes.

The innovative garage conversions and environmental features particularly impressed award judges.

The bungalows are among a total of 22 in six locations across the borough including: Coldbath Street/Russett Way, Lewisham; Partridge Green, Eltham; Walnut Tree Road, Greenwich; Herbert Road, Woolwich; and Colomb

Street, Greenwich. Tim Bell, director at Bell Phillips Architects told GT: "The HAPPI design standards aim to improve the quality of new housing for older people. These bungalows aim to set a new benchmark for good contemporary design in public housing for this age group. We very much look forward to seeing them built."

Cllr Chris Kirby, the royal borough's cabinet member for housing said: "I'm delighted that our housing project has been rightly recognised for innovative planning and features."

The royal borough is committed to delivering high quality housing options to match the needs of all our residents and the project at Ravens Way will provide excellent quality accommodation for older residents in the borough."

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Cars crowned kings of the road

VINTAGE cars and motorcycles have been parking in Greenwich Market every month as part of a much loved community event that has just been named Best Vintage Event in London.

The motor enthusiast event 'Park It In The Market' was nominated along with 60 other businesses and entertainers at the London Vintage Awards 2014, an event that aims to determine the best vintage the capital has to offer. The event proved so popular that it was crowned king of the road on July 21.

Johnny Rocket, Co-organiser of the vintage car shows, thanked everyone for their votes. He said: "Dave, Sunny, Ben and I are stunned and just want to show our appreciation to everyone involved. The amount of work that goes into creating this event is phenomenal, and we would never be able to make it such a success without the support of the Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich Market, the staff, the traders, the retailers, the drivers, riders, and the public. Park It's is a proper community event and the award is for all these people."

The next event is on July 31 and free to everyone to come along and see the impressive vintage motors on show as well as celebrate the borough's prizewinning attraction.

Gillie Bexson, Head of Property at Greenwich Hospital, said: "Park It was up against some serious corporate competition which makes it even more special to be recognised in this way."

● For more information visit www.greenwichmarketlondon.com or contact Proactivepr@btinternet.com

Class act in the kitchen

Cooking masterclass for locals in Kidbrooke Village

by Dick Townsend-Smith

FREE cookery classes are being held in Kidbrooke Village, where residents can learn and get expert advice.

The workshops include cooking demonstrations on how to cook healthy meals on a budget, with residents taking part and sampling the food prepared in the classes.

The classes are run by Sushma Raval from Yummy Mummy Cooking based in Bromley. They take place every Thursday throughout July from 12.30pm to 2.00pm at the OneSpace Community Centre.

The centre has teamed up with the Southern Housing Group and ASRA Housing Group, and the Greenwich Food Bank at Kidbrooke to provide the classes.

The workshops run alongside the weekly food bank, giving residents an opportunity to explore meal options using the items collected.

Paul Franklin from OneSpace said: "This is just one of the



TOO MANY GOOD COOKS: local people learn how to prepare nutritious meals on a budget at a cooking workshop

projects we have worked on in partnership with Southern Housing Group, and we continue to be impressed by the group's commitment to local community groups and development. Grant money is well spent on carefully thought through projects that really

meet local need."

James Rogers from Southern Housing said: "We provide a range of health and well-being projects for our residents. This is a great example of how we work with our local partners to meet the needs of residents. We know that some of our

residents are struggling with their food bills and so these classes aim to help them cook healthy food on a budget."

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CAFE SOCIETY: Cllr Sizwe James meets staff at the Coffee Lounge in Woolwich

THE Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Regatta sail in a few weeks. Cllr Sizwe James, who is 'getting on board', says which will be the first

MORE than 50 magnificent tall ships are set to sail into the borough for the Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Regatta in just a few weeks.

The vessels will be docked at Woolwich, Greenwich and the Peninsula from September 5-9 as part of the biggest event of its kind in the capital for 25 years.

Royal Greenwich is set to welcome up to a million visitors who will be in the borough to view the ships and enjoy the Tall Ships Festival - a programme of maritime-themed events and activities for all ages.

Local businesses are being invited to get on board in helping to deliver the festival experience for visitors. It's also a chance for businesses to maximise their trade and royal borough business advisors are on hand to steer them along.

Three major businesses are leading the way by being flag ship businesses for the tall ships festival. They have been 'dressed' for the tall ships with bunting, flags, banners and



MARITIME MEMORABILIA: Mourad Benotmane (right) and a staff member are looking forward to welcoming tall ship fans

royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta sets
GT meets some of the local businesses
board' for a maritime extravaganza
est of its type in London in 25 years

posters and will promote themed products and run special offers.

They include Nauticalia, which sells nautical-themed gifts, clothing and memorabilia in Greenwich town centre, the Coffee Lounge in Woolwich and the Slug and Lettuce on Greenwich Peninsula.

Mourad Benotmane is manager of the Nauticalia store in Greenwich which is one of five around the country.

The shop will continue to offer discounts on certain items such as binoculars and telescopes for the event.

"Of course we are involved in all things maritime so this event is brilliant for us and for the area. The tall ships have lots of followers and they will be coming to London so this will probably be one of the biggest events over the summer. Seeing the tall ships coming up the River Thames will be quite a spectacle," said Mourad.

Businesses around the borough are invited to join the crew and request a Tall Ships

Marketing Pack which includes bunting, T-shirts, badges, window stickers and flags. Dressed businesses will be featured in future issues of GT and on the royal borough website and get support in promoting tall ship deals alongside their goods and products.

Cllr Sizwe James, the royal borough's cabinet member for business, employment and skills, went to meet staff at the Coffee Lounge last week.

He said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses. We'll be welcoming huge numbers of visitors to the festival and there'll be a really vibrant atmosphere.

"I call on local businesses to make sure they get involved - theme your shop or products and get one of our packs so you can make the most of what will be one of the most memorable events in the borough."

● Businesses can request a marketing pack and further details by emailing business@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 8689

Barratt London is principal tall ships sponsor

HOUSE-BUILDER Barratt London is to be a principal sponsor of the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta. The developer is launching Enderby Wharf, a new residential development, in Greenwich this autumn. It takes its inspiration from Samuel Enderby, an ambitious, pioneering maritime entrepreneur and explorer who founded a shipping company in Greenwich in the 18th century. Along with being the principal sponsor of the regatta, Barratt London will be sponsoring five youths on the Youth Sailing Programme, offering them the opportunity to learn new skills and an unforgettable experience. Gary Patrick, regional sales director at Barratt London, said: "We are proud to be playing a part in the future of Greenwich by providing contemporary homes on the riverfront, which also celebrate the area's past.

The Tall Ships Regatta will bring together the very best aspects of the old and the new Greenwich. By giving young people the opportunity to try their hand at sailing in this setting, we are not only encouraging a new skill but enhancing their sense of pride in this magnificent city we call home." Cllr Denise Hyland, leader of the royal borough said: "Playing host to London's first regatta for 25 years will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to boost the local economy even further as the tall ships sail past our historic maritime landmarks. It will also provide opportunities for local young people to gain new skills as they experience life sailing on the high seas. We cannot wait to play host to this event and are looking forward to September."

● To find out more about how your company can get involved email tall-ships-sponsor@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



BAR CREW: staff at the Slug and Lettuce on Greenwich Peninsula are waving the tall ships flag

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GRASS ACT: visitors at a PARKSfest event in Eltham Park

PARKSfest finale



THIS year's Royal Greenwich PARKSfest is set to go out with a bang this weekend after more than a month of fun in some of the borough's most popular green spaces. Sunday August 3 will see the last event at Hornfair Park in Shooters Hill. The event has proved very popular with the community in the past, with this year's fair featuring live music with three bands including Taru with bossa nova. There's also a Brazilian carnival extravaganza with adult and junior health and fitness taster session. PARKSfest events this month have ranged from concerts, picnics, live music and family fun days at green spaces including Avery Hill, Plumstead Common and East Greenwich Pleasance with thousands of visitors and residents taking the opportunity to make the most of the warm weather conditions. PARKSfest included a total of 18 events for its sixth consecutive summer and was part of the Royal Greenwich Festival, a programme of summer music and entertainment events supported by the royal borough.

For more information about PARKFest see www.parksfest.org or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/festivals

Drama taster ignites passion for performing

YOUNG people with a passion for performing got a taste of what's to come this September at a performing arts workshop run by Ignite Drama Workshops at the Deptford Lounge.

Ignite Drama Workshops are designed for young people by actor Justin Pierre. A graduate of the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Dramas in Greenwich, Justin has featured in the likes of Casualty, Holby City and Little Britain as well as a number of other television, film and voice over roles. Ignite aims to encourage committed, instinctive and responsive participants to develop their performance and interpersonal skills in a comfortable, safe and trusted environment. Children and young people from four to 16 years old joined in the fun tasters on July 19. They had a two-hour taster day experience, incorporating 40 minutes of each discipline, singing, dancing and acting.

Young people will now be able to get even more from Ignite Drama Workshops by booking a place on the weekend workshops starting on September 6.

For more information visit www.ignitedramaworkshops.co.uk or contact info@ignitedramaworkshops.co.uk



G R E E N W I C H has got talent! And Global Fusion Music and Arts is calling on all gifted and talented residents to join a special talent show roster at Charlton House next month.

The show is open to residents of all ages and if you are a talented singer, dancer, musician, or magician or have maybe a completely unique talent, then you could be in with a chance to win a cash prize of £100 and a professional photo shoot at the live talent show.

Louisa Le Marchand, GFMA project leader, told GT: "We are looking for diverse performers from a variety of disciplines, ages and backgrounds to just enjoy themselves. The talent show is all about community and giving these people the platform to express themselves, show what they have got at a positive, friendly and encouraging performance for a great cause."

GFMA will be fundraising for a new play they hope to stage in October as a special tribute to the centenary of World War I. It's a joint project that fuses with other areas of the community including the Firepower museum, Greenwich Heritage Centre and local schools, including Cherry Orchard and Charlton Manor.

The Talent Show will also feature guest appearances from international speaker and 80s revival singer Dean Beadle, Kidbrooke based Caribbean artist Regina and rising star and R & B and Soul artist, Rumour.

London-based Rumour is a young artist who in his youth, unfortunately came face to face with the struggles of homelessness and violence, including an ordeal that left him stabbed and fighting for his life. Now he's battling to make a name for himself in the music industry and in good fashion too, after already winning a competition on Radio 1xtra and

To enter a listing email greenwichtime@outlook.com or call 020 8921 5916

CHARLTON HOUSE

Free Friday lunchtime concerts 1pm Aug 1 - Adelia Myslov violin Craig White piano Aug 8 - Ensemble Tramontana Aug 15 - Bach: Contemporaries and Inspirations Info at www.charlton-house.org/whats-on Every Tuesday: Cabinet of Curiosities drop in summer crafts, 10am-noon and 2-4pm, £1 per child until Aug 28, tel: 020 8856 3951

ELTHAM PALACE

Aug 3-5 - Just For Kids - Gruesome Goings On - the A-Z of torture in medieval times, 10am-5pm

Aug 10-12 - Soldiers School, become a Home Front hero and be put through your paces, 10am-5pm.

Price (includes entry to Palace & Gardens): Adult £10.20 / Child £6.10 / concession £9.20 / family £26.50 / members: free, plus £1 for entertainment activity www.english-heritage.org.uk/eltham

WOOLWICH

Aperture Woolwich Photographic Society summer exhibition in the Elixir Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Free until September 22. Visit www.woolwichphotographic.com



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working on a debut album set for a September release.

On Friday August 8, Rumour will be among judges of the talent show.

If you think you what have what it takes to entertain at the talent show at Charlton House then book your place to audition.

Auditions will be from 7pm until 10pm on Friday August 1 at the Mascalls Meeting Rooms,

off Victoria Way in Charlton, audition places can be booked by calling 020 8858 9497 or contacting globalfusionarts@yahoo.co.uk

Tickets for The Talent Show are £10 and available to purchase on the door or online at www.wegottickets.com

For more information about the work of Global Fusion Music and Arts visit www.globalfusionarts.co.uk



WHAT'S ON

THAMESMEAD

National Playday
Aug 13, noon-3pm
Fun activities for children plus information and advice at the park behind Londis, Manor Close. FREE
For more information call 020 8320 4476

QUEEN'S HOUSE, GREENWICH

Steampunk Summer fete, Sun August 3 noon - 4pm
Join Royal Museums Greenwich for a celebration of the fantastical inventions put forward to solve the mystery of deciphering longitude at sea, showcasing marvellous methodologies, extravagant contraptions and curious devices. FREE but booking essential.
For more information and bookings call 020 8858 4422 or visit www.rmg.co.uk

OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, GREENWICH
August 2 - Sep 14 - Modern Makers Ceramic and Enamel Exhibition FREE
Aug 11 - 15, 1pm - 4pm - Crafts in the Clore: Glorious George and Regal Royals
Aug 20-23 - Greenwich Music Time outdoor concert series
For more information see www.ornc.org/events

GREENWICH

National Maritime Museum, opening Aug 2, Forgotten Fighters new exhibition illustrates importance and impact of the Royal and Merchant Navy throughout WWI on the home front. Free exhibition runs until November 2018.
For more information visit www.rmg.co.uk/

GREENWICH PARK

Free Sunday Music Concerts at the Bandstand every Sunday until August 17
For more information visit www.friendsofgreenwichpark.org.uk

GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

Summer holiday events and activities Every Wednesday 10.15-11am, Little Monkeys for 3+ £2
Cabinet of Curiosities drop in summer crafts for over fours, every Thursday until Aug 28, 10am-noon and 2-4pm, £1 per child. Tel: 020 8854 2452 or www.greenwichheritage.org

ELTHAM

Passey Place - Saturday music performances for Eltham Summer Music Festival from 10am until Aug 9. Visit www.elthamse9.co.uk

GREENWICH GALLERY

The Seventh Greenwich Annuale August 4 - 17
Scenes of Greenwich will be captured like never before at an exciting new exhibition showcasing the work of 29 photographers next month.
The Seventh Greenwich Annuale is an exhibition depicting the Royal Borough of Greenwich from a host of viewpoints and interpretations by photographers young and old. The membership

includes photographers of different ages, backgrounds and of mixed abilities, drawing from mixed influences in their work.

The exhibition will be on display at The Greenwich Gallery, Linear House from August 4 with an exhibition critique led by Elisabeth Blanchet and Mandy Williams taking place on August 7 from 7-9pm.

For more information visit [www.thegreenwichgallery.com](http://thegreenwichgallery.com) or call 020 8465 5968



SCHOOL BANDS: a steel band from Woolwich Poly and below a samba band from Montbelle

Music Sundays at park bandstand

YOUNG musicians from Greenwich schools triumphed as they took to the stage at the famous bandstand in Greenwich Park earlier this month.

Their concert was the first in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts organised by the Friends of Greenwich Park with concerts at the bandstand until mid August. Performers from the Greenwich Samba Band from Woolwich Polytechnic School and the Greenwich Steel Band from Montbelle

Primary School were met by an enthusiastic large crowd of visitors and residents on July 13. Clive Corlett, from the Friends of Greenwich Park said: "The youngsters were great. They showed what musical talent we have here in Greenwich."

Sunday afternoon concerts continue at the bandstand until August 17, with a different band appearing each week.

For more information visit www.friendsofgreenwichpark.org.uk



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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
The Greenwich (Prescribed Routes)
(No. 2) Traffic Order 2014**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 12A of and Part II of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order would be to:
 - (a) revoke the provisions of any existing traffic order relating to one way traffic working in Elm Terrace, in the Royal Borough of Greenwich; and
 - (b) impose one-way traffic working in the whole length of Elm Terrace (between Meister Place and Elham High Street) in a northerly direction towards Elham High Street.
3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents, including a map, giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5159.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Royal Borough of Greenwich, PO Box 485, Kemp House, 152-160 City Road, London, EC1V 2AX (quoting reference: PL/PTMO/CC/1000001851), to arrive by 19th August 2014.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
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Dated 29th July 2014
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**ROYAL
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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
NITHDALE ROAD**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate estate operation works in Nithdale Road. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Nithdale Road, outside Plumpton Primary School, between the eastern boundary of No. 89 Nithdale Road and the junction with Plum Lane.
2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 7th August 2014 and continue in force for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However the works are expected to take six weeks to complete.
4. Whilst the prohibitions remain in operation, vehicular traffic would be diverted via Meister Place, Fosscray Road, Elham High Street and vice versa.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5159.

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SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
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 - (b) suspend any existing one-way traffic system in Elm Terrace, so as to allow access to and from properties (as far as the extent of the works allows);
 - (c) prohibit waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading and unloading) on the south side of Elham High Street between the Fire Station and the Arcade.
2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 12th August 2014 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However the works are expected to take six weeks to complete.
4. Whilst the prohibitions remain in operation, vehicular traffic would be diverted via Meister Place, Fosscray Road, Elham High Street and vice versa.
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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
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SECTION 14(1)
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VARIOUS ROADS – RESURFACING
AUGUST 2014**

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2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. Whilst the closures are in operation, vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent of operations of the works and the alternative routes for traffic would be via local roads as appropriate and vehicles should follow local diversionary signing.
4. The Order would come into force on 12th August 2014 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take three weeks to complete. The works would be conducted as a 'rolling' programme and, as such, not all the restrictions stated in paragraph 1 would be in force in all the affected roads at any one time.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5159.

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- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 6 August 2014 at midday**. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 3 August 2014**.

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- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
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For more information contact the Project Team on:

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Affordable Housing



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Royal borough tenants can register on the scheme and bid for council or housing association property in other parts of London. To register your interest please visit:

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Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ROYAL BOROUGH TENANTS WHO ARE MOVING

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Under the conditions of your tenancy agreement, you have a responsibility to leave your property in an acceptable state of repair. We may visit you to check this. If we consider your property is in an unacceptable condition, you may be prevented from moving or be recharged for work.

To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on 020 8921 4661 and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

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Items we DO NOT collect include:

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For further information, please contact Waste Services on

020 8921 4661.

Please leave your home in a good condition!

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 399

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Moth House Centurian Square SE18 4GP	2	FLAT	485	28/04/2013	B
Chapter House Federation Road SE2 0LS	2	FLAT	419	23/08/2012	B
Canada Court Brookhill Road SE18 6BJ	2	FLAT	313	28/05/2013	B
Brittain Court Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT	2	FLAT	316	27/01/2014	B
Temair House Roan Street SE10 9JX	2	FLAT	358	14/05/2013	B
Gavestone Road SE12 9BL	2	FLAT	272	30/09/2011	B
Tattersall Close SE9 6ET	1	FLAT	379	09/11/2009	C
Beaverbank Road SE9 2HG	2	FLAT	325	10/12/2012	B
Maudslay Road Eltham SE9 1LJ	2	HOUSE	472	20/05/2014	A
Masons Hill SE18 6EJ	3	HOUSE	583	13/06/2012	B
Hazel Lane SE10 9FZ	2	FLAT	399	22/02/2011	B
Hazel Lane SE10 9FZ	1	FLAT	551	29/10/2007	A
Hazel Lane SE10 9FZ	1	FLAT	483	24/12/2013	A
Delme Crescent SE3 0ED	3	HOUSE	662	01/07/2013	B
Ruegg House Woolwich Common SE18 4HA	1	FLAT	444	14/01/2010	C
Kingsman Street SE18 5PR	1	FLAT	496	29/09/2008	C
Lord Warwick Street SE18 5QD	0	FLAT	220	08/12/2010	C
Thanington Court Restons Crescent SE9 2JE	2	FLAT	275	27/06/2013	B
Bromholm Road SE2 9NE	2	FLAT	280	12/04/2010	A
Bert Reilly House Bramblebury Road SE18 7TB	1	FLAT	533	27/11/2009	B
The Oaks SE18 7JS	2	FLAT	195	07/04/2014	B
Clothworkers Road Plumstead SE18 2PD	1	FLAT	353	17/04/2014	B
Clendon Way SE18 7DR	3	MAISONETTE	459	12/10/2012	B
Frances Street SE18 5JU	2	FLAT	186	19/10/2010	C
Sir Walter Raleigh Court Banning Street Greenwich SE1	1	FLAT	593	26/09/2011	B

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Harry McCarthy wins history rowing race 30 years after father

A YOUNG athlete from Greenwich is celebrating victory in one of the oldest sporting events in the world.

Harry McCarthy, from Blackheath, won the historic Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge which dates back to 1715, when it was founded by Irish actor and comedian Thomas Doggett.

Harry was congratulated at the end by his father, Simon, who had won the same race 30 years ago.

The event is thought to be the oldest rowing race in the world and has been held every year since it began.

Each year it is open to up to six apprentice watermen and runs from London Bridge to Cadogan Pier in Chelsea.

Harry, 22, who rows for Poplar, Blackwall and District Rowing Club and completed the race in 24 minutes and 35 seconds on July 15.

He said: "I'm thrilled to have won the Coat and Badge for my family 30 years after my dad did it."

"The race was extremely difficult, especially as it was such a warm day, but seeing my friends and family near the finishing line wearing yellow and cheering me on made it all worth it."

Harry, a City Cruises captain, was presented with a bottle of champagne by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh.



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON: Harry McCarthy won the famous race 30 years after his dad Simon (pictured celebrating with him, inset)

Royal Borough of Greenwich

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)

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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/area. You can see the submissions and any plan during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at - Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT

Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (as Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should do so in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 29/07/2014

Mike Hens - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant	Address	Reference	Applicant	Address	Reference
Ms Joan Doherty	79 OLD WOOLWICH ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 9PP	14/0697/F	Mrs Michelle Osborn	157 PARKDALE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 1RW	14/1814/F
Development:	Repairs to parapet wall, chimney stack and flaunching; replacement of front and rear side doors and installation of rooflight and blocking up of doorway in rear addition.		Development:	Erection of a single storey rear infill extension.	
Library:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL		Library:	Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL	
Conservation Area:	ELTHAM GREENWICH		Conservation Area:	adjacent to Plumstead Common	
Mr A. Manku	72 BLACKHEATH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8DA	14/0917/F	Mr & Mrs Ratcliffe	37 EAGLESFIELD ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3BX	14/1834/F
Development:	Construction of a 4-storey rear extension and conversion of property to 3 self-contained flats at basement, first and second floors and ground floor coffee shop.		Development:	Formation of a loft conversion including the erection of two new dormer windows and insertion of three roof lights to front roof slope.	
Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0NN		Library:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
Conservation Area:	REBBORNHAM TRAMLINE		Applicant:	Mr H Smith Knight Dragon	14/1860/F
Mrs S. Russell	THE COTTAGE, 64 ST GERMANS PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0NH	14/1263/F	Development:	Temporary change of use for up to 20 years of the existing coach parking bay to landscaped area with associated car parking.	
Development:	Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of a two-storey over part basement, 4-bed dwelling (in line with the planning approvals of 24/03/2010 and 18/05/2011). RECONDENSATION - REVISED DESCRIPTION		Library:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT		Applicant:	Mr S. Neville	14/1867/F
Conservation Area:	BLACKHEATH		Development:	Demolition of roof terrace and internal light well, installation of solar panels and removal of chimney stack.	
Mr Ingrid Brown	1 CONSTITUTION RISE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3RP	14/1481/F	Library:	SA CHURCHFIELDS, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9JZ	
Development:	Formation of a loft conversion including the erection of a rear dormer window.		Development:	Erection of roof terrace and internal light well, installation of solar panels and removal of chimney stack.	
Library:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT		Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0NN	
Conservation Area:	WOOLWICH GREENWICH		Conservation Area:	WEST GREENWICH	
Mr R Patel	LAND REAR OF 150 WELL HALL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6SN	14/1495/F	Applicant:	Royal Borough Of Greenwich	14/1875/F
Development:	Erection of a single storey one-bed dwelling house.		Development:	Construction of a new 5 bedrooms detached house.	
Library:	Eltham Library, J Archery Road SE9 1HA		Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
Conservation Area:	ELTHAM		Conservation Area:	BUCHEATH	
Mrs Emma Dearsley	294 WELL HALL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6UG	14/1761/F	Applicant:	Miss D. Legge	14/1889/F
Development:	Replacement of existing windows and door with new windows and door.		Development:	Installation of replacement roof covering with Welsh slate.	
Library:	Eltham Library, J Archery Road SE9 1HA		Library:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL	
Conservation Area:	PROGRESS ESTATE		Conservation Area:	ELTHAM	
Mr & Mrs Gilraline	BRAMBER HOUSE, COURT YARD, ELTHAM, SE9 5QE	14/1770/F	Applicant:	Mr A. Mansou	14/0918/L
Development:	Construction of a single storey rear extension.		Development:	Construction of a 4-storey rear extension and conversion of property to 3 self-contained flats at basement, first and second floors and ground floor coffee shop.	
Library:	Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 1HA		Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0NN	
Conservation Area:	ELTHAM PALACE		Conservation Area:	REBBORNHAM TRAMLINE	
Premier Inn Hotels Ltd	SURGER KING, 738 SIDCUP ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 3NS	14/1788/F	Applicant:	Mr A. Mansou	14/0918/L
Development:	Demolition of existing building and construction of a part 3/ part 4-storey building fronting Sidcup Road and Green Lane providing an 86 room hotel, car parking, access and landscaping.		Development:	Construction of a 4-storey rear extension and conversion of property to 3 self-contained flats at basement, first and second floors and ground floor coffee shop.	
Library:	New Eltham Library, Southwood Road SE9 1QJ		Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0NN	
Ms I Dacyl-Carr	36 MORDEN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3	14/1794/F	Conservation Area:	Grade 2	
Development:	Construction of a 2-storey rear structure (plus basement) forming lift shaft alterations to window positions and front boundary wall; white render finish at ground floor and installation of rooflight and external blinds to all windows.		Applicant:	The Royal Parks	14/1724/L
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT		Development:	GREENWICH PARK, BLACKHEATH AVENUE, GREENWICH, SE10	
Conservation Area:	BLACKHEATH PARK		Development:	Essential inwards repairs comprising renewal of vegetation growth and replacement of bridle and repairing of defective areas.	
Mr I Steel Space Change	BLACKHEATH PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 4 ST. GERMANS PLACE, BLACKHEATH, SE3 0NH	14/1866/L	Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0NN	
Development:	Alteration in height of New Art Block as amendment to listed building consent dated 06/10/13 ref: 12/240/L (Respective).		Conservation Area:	BLACKHEATH	
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT		Conservation Area:	Grade 2	
Conservation Area:	BLACKHEATH PARK		Applicant:	Mr I Steel Space Change	

SPORT

Commons honour for youth games coaches

MICK Murphy, Gemma Gibbons' first judo instructor, was among a number of long-serving coaches of the London Youth Games to attend a ceremony which marked one million competitors taking part in the history of the event.

Organisers of the event, which was first launched to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, celebrated with a reception at the House of Commons.

And appropriately for Mick, who has coached for the royal borough's judo team for many years, it was hosted by Clive Efford, MP for Eltham and the Shadow Sports Minister.

Mick said of last Monday's event: "Clive Efford made a speech and, as Greenwich girls had won the judo again this year, he recognised me and we had a long chat."

The Balfour Beatty London Youth Games is Europe's largest annual youth sporting event. The reception was held for the coaches who have given ten years or more service to the event.

Mick has coached at it for 37 years - first for Southwark before moving to the Greenwich - and was presented with a LYG volunteers award last September.

He was a founder member of Metro Judo Club and first coach to Gemma, who went on to win a silver medal in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Mick went straight to Glasgow to watch Gemma in the Commonwealth Games, where 27 former LYG competitors will take part - 45 participated in London 2012.

An estimated 16,000 youngsters took part in the first London Youth Games, while in recent years the annual number has risen to 100,000. The 500,000 mark was passed in 2009.

Health clinic relocates

THE contraception and sexual health (CASH) services have moved temporarily from the Market Street Health Centre in Woolwich to the Outpatients department at the Memorial Hospital on Shooters Hill. It's to accommodate a massive £2 million makeover for the Market Street building, which will be getting new treatment and assessment rooms, a bigger reception area, and an open-plan space for staff and new equipment. New services will also be run from the centre, including Greenwich Community Learning Disability Services. The building's 1930s Art Deco features will also be restored. It is due to reopen in January next year. The walk-in and appointment CASH clinics provide free and confidential advice and information on all methods of contraception, tests and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy testing and advice. Clinics at the Memorial Hospital run Monday to Thursday 1pm to 3pm and Friday 9.30am to noon. Buses 89, 244 and 486 stop outside. The closest station is Welling, which is a bus ride away.

Day of hope

INSPIRING and empowering young people is the theme behind a day of activities designed to help them turn their dreams into reality. Run by the World of Hope Greenwich Youth charity, it includes speakers, workshops, a job fair, drama, dance and awards and takes place on 5 August 2 at the C2K, Pemon Road, Abbey Wood from 2-6pm. £2 for continental food and drink.

Girls put fitness first

FORMER Olympian Jade Johnson took part in a workshop at Plumstead Manor School to discuss what motivates girls to be active.

About 40 girls were joined by the retired long jumper in what was the first of many workshops by Greenwich Leisure Limited's "For the Girls, By the Girls" team.

The new programme of activity within the royal borough officially launches on Friday (August 1) from 4-8pm at the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich.

The workshops, designed to help shape the future of female fitness, are part of a project funded by Sporta, the national association of leisure and cultural trusts, and Sport England.

The aim is to help 3,500 young girls and women aged between 14-25 years participate in physical activity and sport in five areas - Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Cambridge and South Oxfordshire.

GLL has received £192,000 from Sporta's "Make Your Move" project to put on the workshops.

The funding will go towards setting up new activities targeting women and girls, provide training opportunities for young girls and empower girls to market the sessions and bring their friends along.

These findings will be given to Sport



STAR ENCOURAGEMENT: Jade Johnson (green top far right) discusses with girls at Plumstead Manor what makes them take part in sport

England as research about what leisure providers need to do differently to engage girls in sport.

The girls had a chance to show their entrepreneurial and creative sides, putting together small business plans on how they would do this in a one-off event and designing a promotional T-shirt.

At Friday's launch, girls aged 14 plus will be able to try a number of different sports and exercise taster sessions including netball, badminton, Brazilian dance and boxercise and there will be craft session to design their own T-shirt.

GLL's targeted intervention manager (women and girls), Katie Ellis, said: "We were impressed with how enthusiastic

the girls from Plumstead Manor were about the programme.

"They had some great ideas, ranging from roller basketball - a mixture of roller-skating and basketball - to a water-based assault course. We can't wait to get some new sessions up and running in the borough."

After the launch, sports sessions are due to take place at the Waterfront, Thomas Tallis School, Thamesmere and Sutcliffe Park.

● **For more about the 'For the Girls, By the Girls' launch and subsequent programme email forthegirls@gl.org or telephone 07914 685261. Find your nearest leisure centre via www.better.org.uk**

Summer fun in Thamesmead

THAMESMEAD will be bursting with summer fun next month as the Peabody Group continues the summer programme of fantastic events and activities. Events have been running from the beginning of the month and will continue throughout August, finishing on September 7. This month has already seen informative events such as the 'Good Choices Days' and the 'Now's the Time Road Show' as well as one of the main events, the 'Family Fun Weekend' take to Thamesmead with August promising even more family fun. There will be football coaching running until the end of next month, a 'Summer Fun Day' with activities and a BBQ on August 6 with even more activities taking place at the National Play Day on August 13 plus much more.

● **For more information visit [www.peabody.org.uk](http://peabody.org.uk) or www.trust-thamesmead.co.uk or call 020 8320 4490**

Carers commended

AMAZING individuals who dedicate their lives to caring for and supporting children with disabilities will be meeting local residents at a special 'Meet the Carers' day. The event is a unique opportunity to celebrate carers and service providers and show appreciation for the great work that is happening at the boroughs health care facilities.

The day will provide a setting for Greenwich statutory and volunteers and residents to meet care workers and gain awareness. The event will take place at the Gateway House, John Wilson Street, Woolwich.

● **For more information visit [www.wnscuk.org](http://wnscuk.org) or contact info@wnscuk.org**

Sign up to learn more about fostering

We hold regular information events for people who are interested in finding out more about fostering.

At the events you will meet foster carers and social workers who are involved in fostering for the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

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The Woolwich Centre,
Wellington Street,
Woolwich SE18 6HQ

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Tuesday 9 September 2014
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ending at 9pm

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Phoebe out to bowl at the top

Starting Blocks-backed cricketer called up to national squad for summer training camp

by Ian Lamont

PHOEBE FRANKLIN says she hopes to play cricket for the England women's senior team one day, having been selected to continue her journey at a national training camp this summer.

The England and Wales Cricket Board do not usually run a camp for her age-group - only under-15 and under-19.

However, with a strong crop of female squad, they decided to run one this year and include the 16-year-old.

The teenager has had a successful year which includes being selected by the Greenwich Starting Blocks charity, which supports talented athletes.

Phoebe started playing when she was 10, in Kwik Cricket at St Peter's School, Woolwich, and was swiftly introduced to Colfeians Cricket Club, Eltham.

Now a pupil at St Catherine's, Bexley Heath, she said: "I've played for Kent since under 11s and gone up through each age group up to under 17s."

"When I was younger I was more of an all rounder but I focused on bowling because it is where I felt I could achieve more."

While women's cricket is growing, there are still nowhere near as many teams to play for as in the men's game.

"There are not many under-17 club teams, so I play for men's teams at Roan and also Hayes women's team," she said.

However, with the national senior women's team ever more successful - winning the World Cup in 2009 and beating Australia to win the Ashes in 2013 - the game is growing.

She has aspirations of reaching the top of the sport.

"I hope that I can go through the different stages up to under-19s and keep it going to play for England," she said.

At the five-day development training at the end of July, Phoebe's mostly under 16s will play a series of Twenty20 and 40-over games against the under 15 squad's three teams at Wellington College, Berkshire.

They will also spend time in classrooms learning about tactics and teamwork.

As with many talented sporting



ENGLAND BOUND: Phoebe Franklin aims to climb the national junior female ranks into the senior England cricket team

youngsters, costs soon mount.

Phoebe is grateful to have found the Starting Blocks charity.

Phoebe said: "The money I've received has helped me buy equipment, because it can be quite expensive, and it helps me to train and play and just make sure I have

the right things."

● **The Greenwich Starting Blocks charity provides grants for training and equipment to promising athletes in Olympic sports. The announcement of beneficiaries is made annually. For more information visit www.greenwichstartingblocks.org**

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